

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method of scheduling an event with respect to a hard copy output engine, comprising:

detecting a first status of a first portion of the hard copy output engine from a first sensor incorporated in the hard copy output engine;

detecting a second status of a second portion of the hard copy output engine from a second sensor incorporated in the hard copy output engine;

automatically composing an electronic message without human intervention, the message including both the detected first and second status; and

automatically transmitting the electronic message over a network without human intervention.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting a first or second status includes detecting a toner low or toner out status.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting a first or second status includes detecting a future need for preventative maintenance.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein composing an electronic message includes composing the electronic message to include information chosen from a list consisting of: percentage of remaining consumable, to whom assigned, blind carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to, expected completion date, defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration date, follow-up flag, importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind beforehand, reminder, reminder override default, required attendee list, resources, sensitivity, date sent, start date, addressee, tracking status, consumables order list, maintenance items, malfunction and preventative maintenance items.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting a first or second status includes detecting a first or second status from a list of status items consisting of: toner out, toner low, preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of component parts, consumables orders and low or "out of" status for other consumables or need for other maintenance items.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the hard copy output engine is chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the electronic message comprises transmitting an electronic message including a consumable order.

8. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code embodied therein to cause a processor to:

detect a first status of a first portion of the hard copy output engine from a first sensor incorporated in the hard copy output engine;

detect a second status of a second portion of the hard copy output engine from a second sensor incorporated in the hard copy output engine;

automatically compose an electronic message without human intervention, the message including both the detected first and second status; and

automatically transmit the electronic message over a network without human intervention.

9. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a first or second status includes computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a toner low or toner out status.

10. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a first or second status includes computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a future need for preventative maintenance.

11. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to compose an electronic message includes computer readable code configured to cause the processor to compose the electronic message to include information chosen from a list consisting of: percentage of remaining consumable, to whom assigned, blind carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to, expected completion date, defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration date, follow-up flag, importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind beforehand, reminder, reminder override default, required attendee list, resources, sensitivity, date sent, start date, addressee, tracking status, consumables order list, maintenance items, malfunction and preventative maintenance items.

12. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a first or second status includes computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a status chosen from a list of status items consisting of: toner out, toner low, preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of component parts, consumables orders and low or "out of" status for other consumables or need for other maintenance items.

13. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a first or second status comprises computer readable code configured to cause the processor to detect a status of a hard copy output engine chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

14. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to transmit comprises computer readable code configured to cause the processor to transmit an electronic message including a consumable order.

15. (Currently amended) A computer implemented control system for a hard copy output engine, the system comprising:

a first sensor coupled to a first portion of the hard copy output engine, the first sensor being configured to provide a first status of the first portion;

a second sensor coupled to a second portion of the hard copy output engine, the second sensor being configured to provide a second status of the second portion;
and

~~processing circuitry~~ processor coupled to the first and second sensors and configured to:

detect the first status;

detect the second status;

automatically compose an electronic message without human intervention, the message including both the detected first and second status; and

automatically transmit the electronic message over a network without human intervention.

16. (Original) The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to detect the first and second status includes a processor configured to detect a toner low or toner out status.

17. (Original) The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to detect a first and second status includes a processor configured to detect a future need for preventative maintenance.

18. (Original) The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to compose an electronic message includes a processor configured to compose the electronic message to include information chosen from a list consisting of: percentage of remaining consumable, to whom assigned, blind carbon copy to, copy to, company addressed to, expected completion date, defer until, due date, duration, event address, expiration date, follow-up flag, importance, owner, priority, return receipt request status, remind beforehand, reminder, reminder override default, required attendee list, resources, sensitivity, date sent, start date, addressee, tracking status, consumables order list, maintenance items, malfunction and preventative maintenance items.

19. (Original) The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to detect a first and second status includes a processor configured to detect a status chosen from a list of status items consisting of: toner out, toner low, preventative maintenance alerts, including cleaning or replacement of component parts, consumables orders and low or "out of" status for other consumables or need for other maintenance items.

20. (Original) The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor configured to detect a first and second status comprises a processor configured to detect a first and second status of a hard copy output engine chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

21. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein automatically composing an electronic message comprises adding the first and second status to a notification list.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising adding a notification list generated by a second hard copy output engine to the electronic message.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein automatically transmitting the electronic message comprises automatically transmitting the list which contains both notification lists.

24. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein detecting a future need for preventative maintenance comprises logging hours of operation to determine when preventative maintenance is appropriate.

25. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein detecting a future need for preventative maintenance comprises logging the number of pages handles to determine when preventative maintenance is appropriate.

26. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 8, wherein the computer readable code is configured to cause a processor to automatically compose an electronic message is configured to cause the processor add the first and second status to a notification list.

27. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 10, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a future need for preventative maintenance is configured to cause the processor to log hours of operation to determine when preventative maintenance is appropriate.

28. (New) The article of manufacture of claim 10, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a processor to detect a future need for preventative maintenance is configured to cause the processor to log the number of pages handles to determine when preventative maintenance is appropriate.

29. (New) The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor is configured to cause the processor add the first and second status to a notification list.

30. (New) The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor is configured to log hours of operation to determine when preventative maintenance is appropriate.

31. (New) The computer implemented control system of claim 15, wherein the processor is configured to log the number of pages handles to determine when preventative maintenance is appropriate.